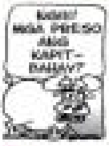
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## Bilbid or not: Munti cops, teachers to get dream homes



By Jocelyn R. Uy

BILIBID OR NOT. Public school teachers and policemen in Muntinlupa will finally get a chance to build their dream homes—in the sprawling New Bilibid

BILIBID A4

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## New contraceptives make menstrual period optional

TRENTON, NEW JERSEY—FOR YOUNG WOMEN with a world of choices, even that monthly curse, the menstrual period, is now optional.

Due to birth control pills and other hormonal contraceptives, a growing number of women are taking the path chosen by 22-year-old Stephanie Gardinier. She hasn't had a period since she was 17.

"It's really one of the best things I've ever

NEW CONTRACEPTIVES A13

## *GMA: I'll take RP to 'Enchanted Kingdom' of First World*

By Christine O. Avendaño

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARroyo yesterday rallied employers to the side of government, saying that by working together they could achieve a better future for the country and reach the "Enchanted Kingdom" of First World success.

"Let's stay together. Let's dream together. And what do I mean by being in the Enchanted Kingdom, we can operationalize that? Let's be among the countries of the First World in 20 years," the President told the largest national gathering of employers at the 27th National Conference of Employers at the Manila Hotel yesterday.

At the start of her speech, the President agreed with the theme of the employers' convention which was to "Survive, Compete, Succeed."

"As Francis [Chua, president of the Federation of Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce] said, we've shown we can survive. Now we must compete and then succeed. Then we will be in the Enchanted Kingdom," the President said to laughter from the audience.

According Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas, the reference to the Enchanted Kingdom also had to do with the chair of the conference's organizing committee being the owner of the Enchanted Kingdom theme park in Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

Ms Arroyo said the theme of the convention was "logical" given this "age of globalization and high technology, and in these days of oil price surges."

"Your response is logical: Survive, compete with the rest of the world and succeed," she said.

But when the President ap-

GMA A6

# Killings alarm int'l group

## Gonzales lying about mass graves, says Zubiri

By Grace Cantal-Albasin
PDI Mindanao Bureau
and Michael Lim Ubac
in Manila

MALAYBALAY CITY—WHAT MASS graves?

Bukidnon Gov. Jose Ma. Zubiri yesterday belied claims by National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales that the military had unearthed two mass graves in the province containing the skeletal remains of 18 communist rebels and sympathizers who had been killed by their comrades.

"He (Gonzales) made it appear that Bukidnon is a massacre field.

GONZALES A7

## I just wanted to have fun, says Abcede

By Alcuin Papa

"I JUST WANTED TO HAVE FUN with friends."

This was the statement of Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) Commissioner Ricardo Abcede on why he celebrated his birthday on May 12 with former First Lady Imelda Marcos in attendance.

Abcede and the PCGG are trying to negotiate a compromise

JUST A8



THY KINGDOM COME: President Arroyo poses with Cardinal Ricardo Vidal (left) and Msgr. Francisco Montecillo Padilla and other bishops who attended the episcopal ordination of Padilla at the Cebu Metropolitan Cathedral on Tuesday. Padilla is also the apostolic nuncio to Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

## Gov't to allow journalists to bear arms

By Armand N. Nocum
and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE GOVERNMENT IS AMEnable to arming members of the media as a solution to the continuing killing of journalists, Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said yesterday.

But Gonzalez said the media should rid its ranks of "hao siao" journalists, or the poseurs and mercenaries working mainly for money.

"We discussed [the matter] in the Palace earlier. And if they want to carry firearms, we will allow them to do so as long as they are legitimate [journalists]," Gonzalez said in a phone interview.

He said the proposed solution was premised on the fact that "you cannot watch every criminal at every corner."

"If they blame [the media killings] on the government, then I think they should tell us what they want from the government," the justice secretary said.

"Do they want to get bodyguards? Do they want to carry firearms? We will allow them to carry firearms to protect themselves," he said.

But according to Gonzalez, not all of the murdered journalists were killed in connection with their profession. He said each case should be thoroughly examined.

"Let us make a complete study of all these people killed. What were the reasons? You have to be

GOV'T A6

## PNP, AFP say they are not responsible

By Norman Bordadora
and Dona Z. Pazzibugan

THE RECURRING SCEnario in the Philippines of activists being gunned down by motorcycle-riding men is now one of the concerns of Amnesty International (AI).

In its 2006 report, the London-based human rights organization noted the "sharp rise" in the killing of militant activists and community workers, as well as the "climate of impunity" that, it said, was "shielding the perpetrators."

"Most of the attacks were carried out by unidentified assailants on motorcycles, at times wearing face masks, who were often described as 'vigilantes' or hired killers allegedly linked to the AFP (Armed Forces of the Philippines)," Amnesty International said.

The 316-page report on the state of human rights in 150 countries was presented yesterday to reporters in a press conference by AI Pilipinas executive director Jessica Soto.

On the Philippine situation, the report said: "The number of attacks on leftist activists and community workers rose sharply, with at least 66 fatal shootings re-

KILLINGS A6

## Rapu-Rapu's local execs now want Lafayette to stay



AERIAL VIEW of the Lafayette-owned processing facility in Rapu-Rapu, Albay, which yields ore, gold, copper and zinc.

By Blanche S. Rivera
and Bobby Q. Labalan
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

RAPU-RAPU, ALBAY—AFTER VOWING TO drive Lafayette Philippines Inc. out of this island town late last year, local officials are now singing a different tune.

In a surprising turnaround, the municipal council yesterday asked the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to allow the Australian mining firm to stay and extract Rapu-Rapu's mineral resources.

A council resolution, passed on May 8 and signed by eight of 11 members, was submitted by Councilor Martin Barranda Jr. to Environment Secretary Angelo T. Reyes yesterday.

It urged the DENR and the Pollution Adjudication Board to immediately allow the resumption of operations of the P1.4-billion Rapu-Rapu Polymetallic project, "subject to compliance with the requirements of the government for the protection of the environment and the people's health."

Reyes, along with officials of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau and members of the Rapu-Rapu Fact-Finding Commission (RRFFC), flew [illegible]

RAPU-RAPU A12



ON SITE at Rapu-Rapu: DENR Secretary Angelo Reyes.

# Second FRONT PAGE

## 'UNPROGRAMMED FUNDS' IN BUDGET

# Senators to look at P57-B item



BUDGET MAKERS

By TJ Burgonio

THE SENATE WILL THOROUGHLY SCRUTINIZE the "unprogrammed funds" totaling P57 billion in the 2006 national budget to come up with a "prudent" outlay, Sen. Manuel Villar Jr. said yesterday.

# Palace: P31-B cut to affect pro-poor projects

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.





## Arroyo to visit Spain

By Christine O. Avendaño

# Gringo, 6 others placed on hold-departure list on coup raps









# GMA: I'll take RP to 'Enchanted Kingdom' of First World

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## Wage hike untimely

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## Fewer strikes

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## Zero reason for strikes

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# Bilibid or not: Munti cops, teachers to get dream homes

## Corrections

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## Also for squatters

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## Carefully planned

[illegible]

# 4 senators deny having presidential aspirations






# Killings alarm international group




## Most at risk

## Palparan

## Helping the CHR

## 'Job for PNP'

## Assistance

## 'Sherpas for truth'

## 'Test case'

## 'Candidates for sainthood'

# Gonzales lying about mass graves, says Zubiri

"That's a lie," Zubiri, chair of the Southern Mindanao Peace and Order Council, told the Inquirer in a phone interview.

Citing a military report, Gonzales earlier said the New People's Army, armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, carried out 11 killings in San Fernando town and another seven in Quezon town.

During his stint in the Regional Peace and Order Council the past five years, Zubiri said he never received reports of mass graves in the province. The military, according to the governor, had recovered only two bodies in Bukidnon—one in 2004 and the other in 2005.

"I don't know his agenda but definitely we won't allow him (Gonzales) to use Bukidnon for whatever agenda he has," said Zubiri whose son, Juan Miguel, is the representative of the third congressional district of Bukidnon.

The national security adviser earlier said the NPA killings in Bukidnon proved that the series of murders of unarmed leftist activists across the country was part of an ongoing internal purge in the communist movement.

## No comment

The Inquirer sought Gonzales's comment on Zubiri's remarks. But members of Gonzales's staff said questions on the Bukidnon killings should be directed at military officials who furnished the national security adviser with the report.

After reading the Inquirer report on Gonzales's claims of two communist "mass graves" in Bukidnon, Zubiri said he talked to Brig. Gen. [illegible], deputy commander of the 4th Infantry Division, who advised him to call up Col. Vic Morales, commander of the 403rd Brigade based in Malaybalay City.

Zubiri said Morales told him that Gonzales's report about the mass graves was not true.

"When we went to talk in my office, he (Morales) said: 'You know governor, [illegible]

Zubiri said Morales admitted to giving Gonzales a report. But the colonel told the governor that "the report does not say that there are killing fields in Bukidnon."

Gonzales had said that the 26th Infantry Battalion, which is under the 403rd Brigade, had documented at least [illegible] cases of summary executions by the NPA since 2002. Gonzales also cited other NPA "atrocities," including the recruitment of "child warriors" and the rape of a teenager by a rebel commander.

Gonzales had said the military report was based on the testimony of at least 12 witnesses.

## Surprise witness

But Zubiri said he was surprised to find out that one of the supposed witnesses was Jimmy Arion, the head of Barangay [illegible], where one of the mass graves was allegedly found.

"Arion is one of the top 10 barangay captains here in the province. He has delivered projects to his people. Now come he has been alleged as a New People's Army sympathizer?" the governor said.

In a radio interview yesterday, Arion said Lt. Col. Benjamin Madrigal Jr., commander of the 26th IB based in Bukidnon, had forced him to admit that he was an NPA leader when the military brought him and seven others to the 4th ID headquarters in Cagayan de Oro City for a short talk with Gonzales on May 11.

"Madrigal told us that Secretary Gonzales wanted to meet us in Cagayan de Oro for a short talk, and then the relatives of the victims of the killings would receive relief goods from the DSWD (Department of Social Welfare and Development)," Arion said.

## 'Coerced'

Arion said he was coerced into admitting to journalists that he was an NPA leader. He, however, refused to sign an affidavit.

"I didn't have a choice, especially since Lieutenant Colonel Madrigal sat beside me and told me to admit the allegations. I [illegible] I decided not to sign any of those papers," Arion said.

Madrigal denied Arion's allegations.

"They (witnesses) willfully joined us. In fact, some civilian lawyers spoke to them before they were presented to Secretary Gonzales," Madrigal said.

Arion and his wife Nena were held for three days at the military camp in Cagayan de Oro. They escaped later and went to Bishop [illegible] of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines on May 16.

## Bayan Muna member

Arion, who chairs a local UCCP chapter, is active in Bayan Muna. His wife is a member of a women's group engaged in livelihood activities supported by Bukidnon Rep. [illegible] III.

Bishop [illegible] told the Inquirer that the UCCP would extend help to Arion and his wife.

# Cops find bike, gear of Palawan broadcaster's killers



### Reward

### Artist's sketch

### Motive

# Government to allow journalists to bear arms



### Doing its best

### Press freedom fund

### Abnormal series

### Eyewitnesses

### Civic groups

# I just wanted to have fun, says Abcede

### No big deal

### Compromise welcome



ABCEDE: Friends, not enemies.



SABIO: Commission for recovery

### House decision

### Steal now, (no) pay later

# NorthRail head admits Joe de V role in project

Opening doors






# Cha-cha faceoff: House, Senate panels to meet

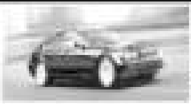
By Michael Lim Ubac

















## Pre-need firms back Pacific rehab program

# Suspect in Kintanar, Tabara slays eyed as state witness

# Palace unfazed by new impeach move

# Drug arrest of ex-officers alarms PAF

## Australia donates forensic equipment

# BIR exceeds excise tax target in 1st 4 months

By Cynthia D. Balana



BUNAG

# IBM offers jobs to all iACADEMY graduates

**IBM forecasted a bright future for all iACADEMY graduates as the company offered job opportunities for all of them during the school's 1st commencement exercises last May 13, 2006 held at the Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium at the RCBC Plaza in Makati City.**

**The good news was delivered by no less than IBM Philippines' President and General Manager, Mr. Joaquin E. Quintos IV who graced the event as the Guest of Honor and Commencement Exercises Speaker.**

Quintos' speech focused on innovation in the area related to both individual and enterprise dynamics. He stated that businesses nowadays depend on contributions of individuals. More and more companies are searching for individuals who are equipped with the "right skills" required by the industry to empower their enterprise.

These ideas of innovation and honing individuals with the appropriate skills are the same focus that motivated the partnership between iACADEMY and IBM.

"We at IBM are very honored to be partners with iACADEMY, as we strive to deliver high-quality IBM-powered education to the general public. We are pleased the partnership between iACADEMY and IBM has now produced its initial results and we look forward to a long and stronger partnership moving forward," Quintos stated.

Furthermore, Quintos commended, "This IBM-powered iACADEMY program hits the 'sweet spot' of the industry requirement."



Aside from the fact that iACADEMY students get actual & large-scale projects and full-time six to seven months internship with world-class companies such as Smart Communications Inc., and Nestlé Philippines, Incorporated to name a few, with IBM-powered courses offered by iACADEMY, all students get certified by IBM even before they graduate, thus, giving Quintos the confidence to recommend the iACADEMY graduates to apply at IBM.

The students, parents, guests, and the iACADEMY staff present during the commencement exercises loudly applauded as Quintos offered job openings at IBM to all iACADEMY graduates as a boost to those who would like to build a strong career in Information and Communications Technology (ICT). Parents could not help but beam with pride and satisfaction for seeing their sons and daughters graduate from a school offering a work-directed program.

As for Mr. Mitch Andaya, the Dean and CEO of iACADEMY, his passionate speech did not only inspire the new graduates but also welled up emotions as he reminisced bits of the four years he shared with the first batch of iACADEMY students.

Hon. Teodoro Locsin, Jr. and Mr. Tomas Lopez, members of iACADEMY Board of Governors who were present, as well as Mr. Monico Jacob, the President and CEO of iACADEMY, were also grateful for the trust that the parents and students gave iACADEMY for the past years.

Stormy weather loomed overhead as they left the Carlos P. Romulo auditorium. Nevertheless, the exhilarated and inspired graduates seemed undaunted especially because great opportunities await them, not to mention career options in IBM, for a start.

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# Coalition formed to fight foreign drug companies

By Christian V. Esguerra

## Optimistic

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LIFESTYLE CHECK FLUNKERS

# BIR couple charged with graft

By Nelson F. Flores

## Families of missing Erap backers seek help of Senate

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

# Opinion

# Pattern of impunity

EDITORIAL




# Mysteries around the MWSS housing project

AS I SEE IT

*Neal H. Cruz*

# Paradoxes

THERE'S THE RUB

*Conrado de Quiros*

# 'The world is flat'

COMMENTARY

# Scholars

PINOY KASI



Michael L. Tan

# Art for peace and development

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

# An intriguing love poem for Rizal

LOOKING BACK



Ambeth R. Ocampo

# Dime-a-dozen politicians

# No compelling reason for moratorium on mining

# Across the NATION

# Mayor in publisher's slaying surrenders

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

THE MAYOR SUSPECTED OF MASTERMINDING THE 2005 murder of a publisher in Aurora surrendered to the judge handling the case on Monday.



### Victim's kin appeal for swift justice

## ROUNDUP

### Alarm on stolen car



### Couple robbed of P4.3M

### 2 kids escape killer

### Vendor shot dead

### Cop's son slain

### Illegal car race stopped



# Pangasinan militants accuse cops of coverup

## ₱1.8M of small town's funds unaccounted for



MANUAL LABOR

## GMA heckler stands firm she did right




VISITING HOSPITAL SHIP

# No charges filed yet for death of Capiz student in frat hazing

# Nat'l gov't dared: Show sincerity on 'jueteng'

# *Top PNP exec tells cops housing units not for mistresses*



#### Housing program

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

# Saving Paoay's old 'Duque House'

By Cristina Arzadon
Paoay, Ilocos Norte

OWNERS OF A HERITAGE HOUSE IN PAOAY, ILOCOS Norte are restoring the local landmark—a bubble-topped octagonal structure built by the late Constancio Duque, a school teacher, in the early 1940s.

## American-inspired



THE octagonal Duque House in Paoay, Ilocos Norte.

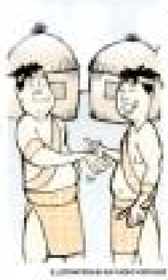
## Promise

## Restoration

# Clan reunions or village feasts?

FOR BENGUET'S indigenous peoples, a clan reunion means more than holding a feast to gather family members and butcher pigs.

DAYTOY TI AMIANAN



## Way of life

## Rich man's feast

## 3 reasons

# Rapu-Rapu's local execs now want Lafayette to stay



TURNAROUND: DENR Secretary Reyes at the mine site with local Rapu-Rapu officials who are now asking his office and Malacañang to allow Lafayette to resume operations when, only six months ago, they were gathering signatures to evict the Australian-owned mining company.

## 'Good points'

## Fair to foreign investors

## Remediation check

## A second chance

## New Filipino management

## Real estate tax




# New contraceptives make menstrual period optional

## Great for marriage

## Continuous-use pill

## Withdrawal bleeding

## Over-romanticized

## Benefits

## Momentum



# NEWS

6/42 Luzon-Vis-Min
₱14,123,871.00

# Bali-type blasting caps seized

## NBI probes maker's links to Jemaah Islamiyah, terrorist bombing attacks



## Makati judge firm on decision to inhibit self

# A plus METRO



# Juday pleads not guilty to tax evasion raps

## Judge sets next hearing on June 22



SANTOS: Her first lawyer quit due to "ethical considerations."

# Manila theaters stop showing 'Da Vinci'

### Offensive

### Stiff penalties

# German sues tabloid for libel

# QC gov't stops work on condominium

# Trike driver killed while helping 2 persons

## Explosion

## MetroBriefs

### Check your bottled water



### Victims fight back

# Amnesty accuses US, Britain of war on terror abuses

## 2,148 executed in 2005

# Air raid kills 80 Taliban, 16 civilians in Afghanistan

## WorldBriefs

### Suharto bleeding internally

### 14 killed in attacks in Iraq

### Bird flu kills two in Iran

### Strong earthquake hits Indonesia

# The WORLD

# Thaksin stages comeback, takes control of Thai gov't

BANGKOK—THAI PRIME MINISTER THAKSIN SHINAWATRA staged a political comeback Tuesday, leading his first cabinet meeting since stepping aside seven weeks ago following street protests and controversial polls.

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AFP



JAPANESE mountaineer Takao Arayama, 70, leads other climbers on the way to the top of Mount Everest May 17. Arayama is the oldest person to scale the world's highest peak from the Tibetan side.

## Japanese is oldest man to scale Everest

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ARAYAMA

AFP

# SPORTS

# Painters advance; Tortillos stopped

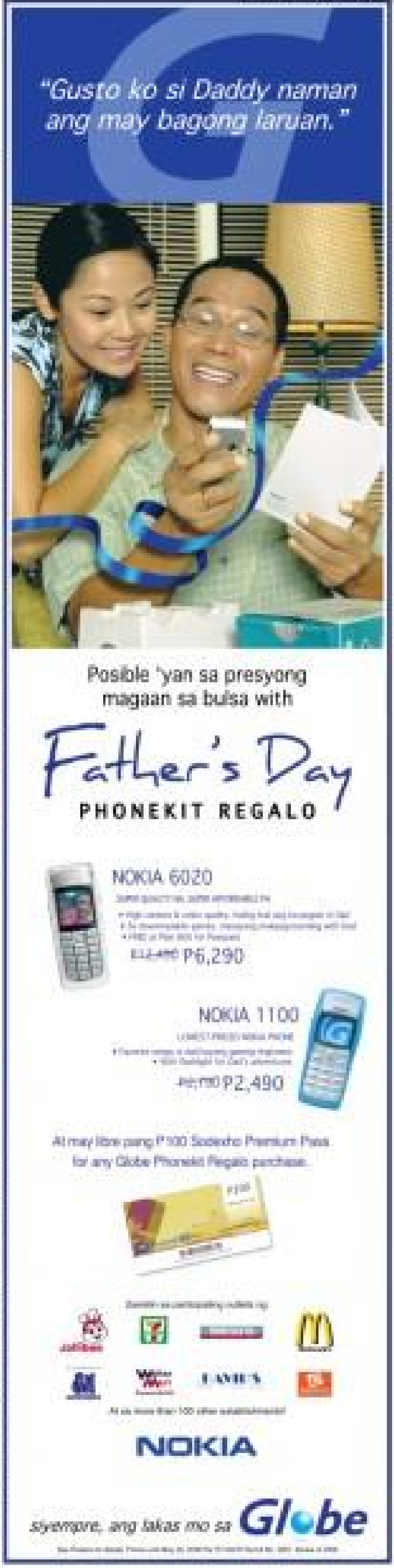


# Alaska eyes quarters today

# RP battles Luxembourg to 2-2 draw, faces US next

## Dimakiling lone victor; Filipinas clobber Irish bets





WORLD CUP

# England hopes to lay ghosts of shoot-outs past to rest



LAMPARD



# Pumaren not panicking

IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

# Athletics great retires

# Mavs, Suns advance

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS—The Dallas Mavericks found a solution for Tim Duncan and San Antonio, surging to a 119-111 win in overtime to halt the Spurs bid for a second straight NBA title.



# Magic's Howard joins Adidas hoop camp

## Barrera is super fit—for retirement

BARE EYE



Recah Trinidad

# Asuncions out to boost stock

## Tough field plunges into action

By Jasmine W. Payo



## Olivarez, Tan Ho gain 2nd round



### PRO-AM WIN

## Rosales underscores RP Open bid

## Cebu Landmaster forge Visayas final with M. Lhuillier






# Asian club volley unfolds

# Braves send Pistons crashing to 9th loss





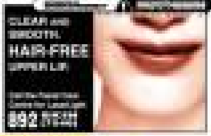

# Northwoods takes on all comers in Ford shoot-out

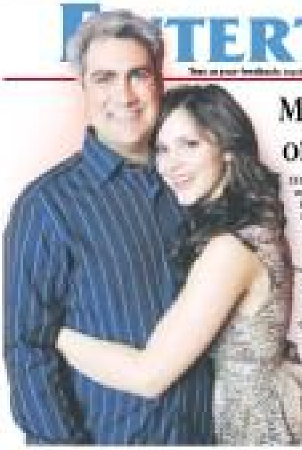
## Makati derby gets going

## SJC cockfest sets 120 tilts



# ENTERTAINMENT



## Moment of truth

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## FEEDBACK

### Kudos & correction






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## Did You Know...

### Whoa, Sir!

CANNES, FRANCE—

## Feedback

### Parochial

# Rusty provinces, more English improbement and other boob-tube booboos

**VIEWFINDER**

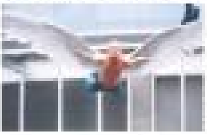


*Nestor U. Torre*

**'Lumen'**

**Celebrity endorsers**

## OPENING TODAY



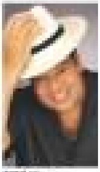
### X-Men III: The Last Stand

Stars Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry, Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen, Anna Paquin, Famke Janssen.

Directed by Brett Ratner



## SHOW TIME



TITO Nieves

### Salsa night on June 3

### Bloomfields

**Today**

**Tomorrow**

**May 26**

# Cinemalaya exec not optimistic about 'Anino' makers' petition

Some 45 artists and industry personnel have signed the filmmaker's letter as a sign of support



### Peer support

### Disheartened



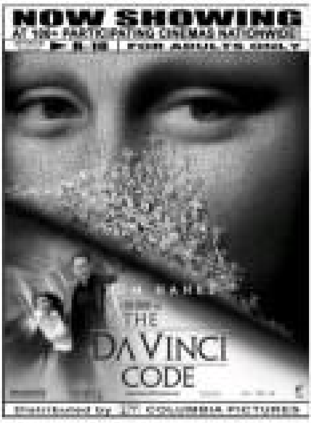


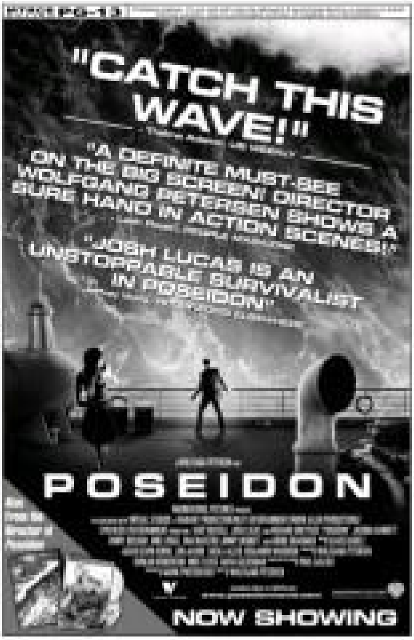


## ROUNDUP

### Blessing 'Da Vinci'

### Back to old habits









# Final 'AI' showdown

Southerner or LA lady? US chooses between Taylor and Kat today



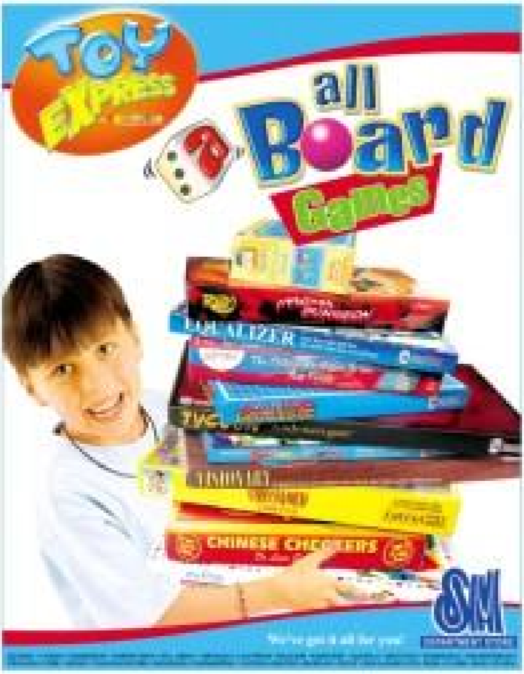
### No regrets

### 3 songs each

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

### Gimmicks

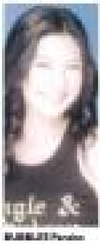
### Easy does it




## Mr. Kilmer, is that you?

### Bursting Paolo's Bubbles

RUSHES





### When Bianca met Lino

### When Bernard met Meryll

### 'Manay Po'

### Barbie Almalbis






WHAT'S INSIDE



# BUSINESS

PESO-DOLLAR RATE

# Banco de Oro, EPCIBank merger fizzles out

## Bank chair says SM group offer has lapsed

THE MERGER PROPOSAL between Banco de Oro Universal Bank and Equitable PCIBank has fizzled out, at least for now, amid the continuing squabble among EPCIBank shareholders.

# Stocks plummet on US rate fears

## Bourse posts biggest single-day drop in 7 years



Currencies

Philippine Stock Exchange





Disclosures

# Battle of court orders

COCKTAILS

Victor C. Agustin

SEC's turn to be tricked

Heard through the grapevine

Big bang at Alabang

## Banco de Oro . . .

# NTC cracks down on illegal cell phone dealers, pawnshops

## Police to help in raids

# PNOC-EDC to enter Indonesia

## Gov't agency plans to operate, develop geothermal plants





## Stocks plummet . . .



# Employers to create more jobs

## Business groups resolve to match positions with skilled workers

## Globe, ESPN forge content deal for 3G

## Alaska to expand powdered milk line



# Gov't has means to raise workers' pay, says DOF

## Authorities can afford to shell out up to ₱1B this year alone


TEVES

## Napocor to draw ₱182-M fund to restore watersheds

## Philam Savings Bank set to merge with sister firm

# Business

## Senate out to repeal provision on VAT cap

### DOF yields to business groups, says it won't oppose move to rationalize tax system




## Standard firms win case, retain trademark

## Exports of bananas seen increasing by 15% this year

## IMF urges RP banks to go easy on foreign currency bonds

## DA seeks ₱600-M grant from Japan to support rice production program







MOTORING



# Taking NLEx?

## Get enough sleep first



Those drivers who practice road safety are the ones who can bring in more profit for the company because they will have longer staying power. They actually save companies millions of pesos from damaged properties and hospital expenses

By [illegible]

YOU MAY BE THE WORLD'S most skillful driver, but if you get behind the wheel drowsy, then you're worse than the worst of them.

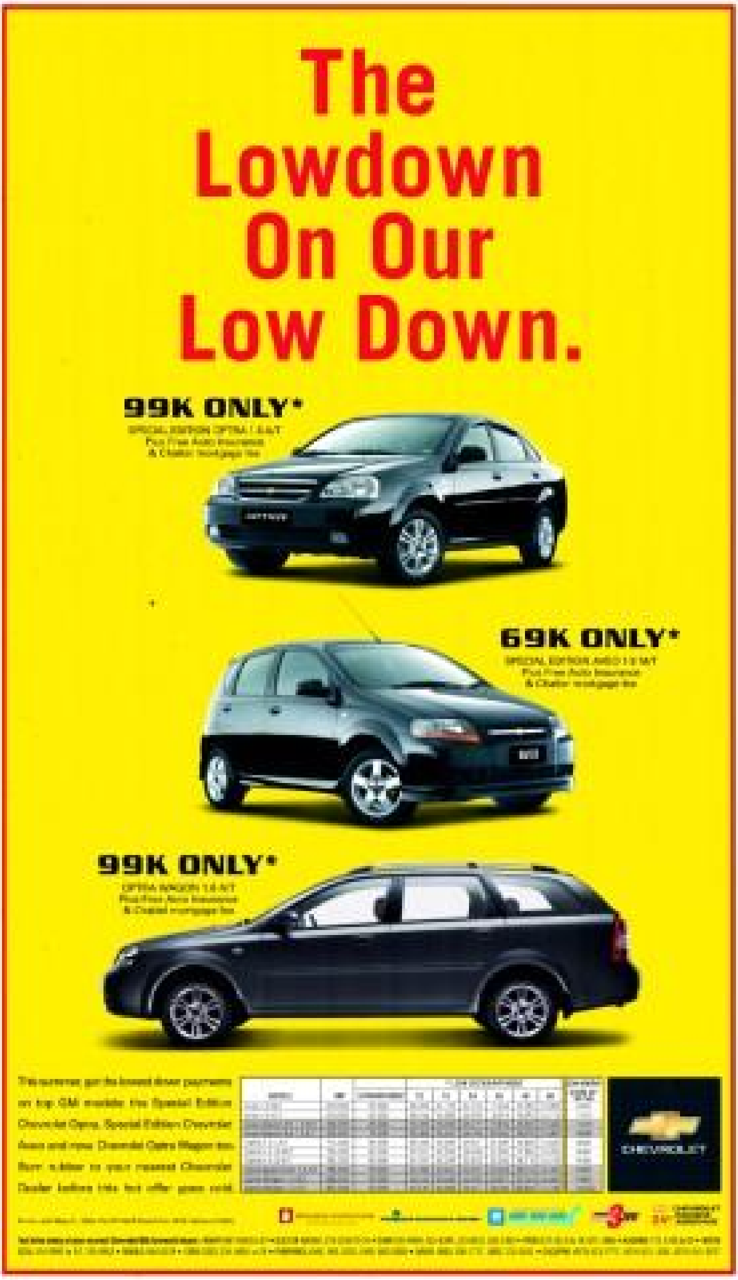
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### Top 3 causes of accidents

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### Lack of sleep

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# Road deaths

**FULL TANK**



*Al Mendoza*

# Could, would, should

**MY DRIFT**



### Market segment

### Petite performer

### Arguments

**MOTORSCOPE**

### Toyota medical mission

### Official road safety advocate

### Goodyear reaffirms excellence

# Sorento CRDi: Kia's top of the line SUV

### Best-looking SUV

### Sleek interior



SORENTO

# The SUV with the driving character of a mid-size sedan

### Segment-leading safety

### Bold design

### Efficient interior

# Who's afraid of biofuels?



ON THE ROAD



Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

### Null and void

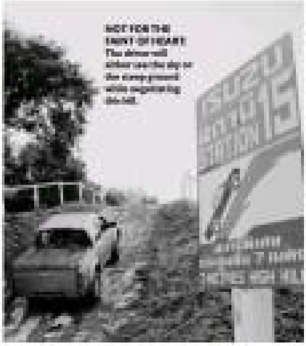
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### Disputed

### Minor

# Tested to face the roughest terrain





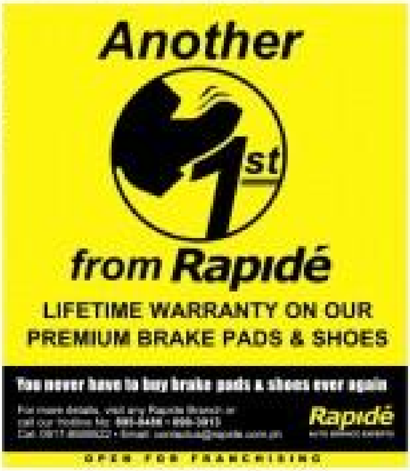
### National sensation

### Count on the D-Max



# New BMW 520d posts top results in fuel economy run





# Tested to face the roughest terrain



THEY CALL THE PLACE ISUZU 4WD Land but for the majority of the Thai people this 20-hectare property located in Pattaya (roughly 170 kilometers southeast of Thailand capital, Bangkok) is perhaps Isuzu's best-kept secret.

# LIFESTYLE

Editor Chelo Banal-Formoso · Chief of Correspondents Pam Pastor

# BEAT BOREDOM

It's the tail-end of summer. By now, you've probably gone to the beach and back, have memorized the TV guide and gone to the mall so often you've memorized the guards' faces.

If you've run out of things to do, don't fret. 2bU! wants to save you from boredom. Here are ways to make sure your remaining summer days are action-packed, adventure-rich and fun-filled.

[And if there isn't enough time to do everything on this list, keep it as an anti-boredom weapon for drab school year weekends.]

## 53 ways to keep yourself busy

By Pam Pastor and Trina Yap



# Get to know a new YOU

## INQ7 comes up with a more interactive youth section

By Joey Alarilla
INQ7.net



### E-Life section

### Events calendar

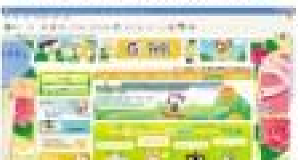
### Blog services

# Know thyself



# Ready, get set... game!

## Be a good gamer, whether online or at the arcade

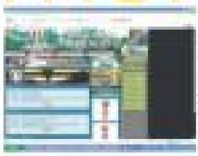




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### Attack of the MMOGs

### Casual is cool



### Flash in the pan

### Arcade madness

# Become a badminton star











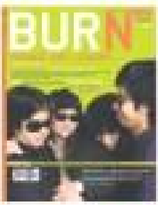
# Travel with your tastebuds



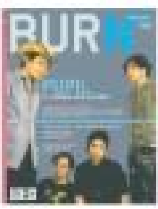
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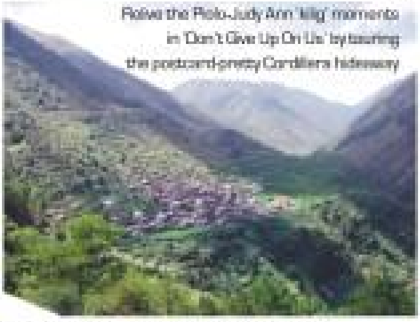




# Get some music into your life

# Take a break in Sagada

Relive the Piolo-Judy Ann 'kilig' moments in 'Don't Give Up On Us' by touring the postcard-pretty Cordillera hideaway



ONE of the many rice terraces seen on the road from Banaue to Sagada

By Melissa Tolen
[illegible]

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE THE most of what's left of summer but are tired of the beach, why not head to cool Sagada for a different kind of adventure? All you need is a sturdy pair of feet, a liking for nature, a couple of friends to share the experience with, and about P3,000 for a four-day stay. Ready to go? Here's a quick guide to help you out.



BREATHTAKING scenery at Kiltepan view point

## Getting there

Located 275 km north of Metro Manila, Sagada is a long 12-13 hour ride away but it's well worth the trek. If you get dizzy easily be sure to take Bonamine, as the roads tend to be rough and unstable.

If you're planning to take a bus, there are two routes to Sagada—one via Banaue-Bontoc and another via Baguio. The rates are practically the same, but those who haven't seen the famous rice terraces, the Banaue route is recommended. [illegible]

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## Where to stay

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## What to do

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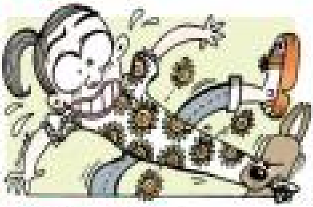
## Food trip

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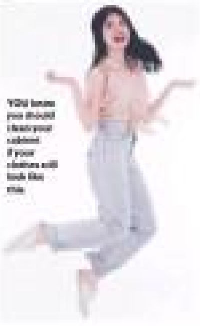



# Out of the closet



SUMMER is the best time to clean out the skeletons in your closet—the clothes you don't use, that is.

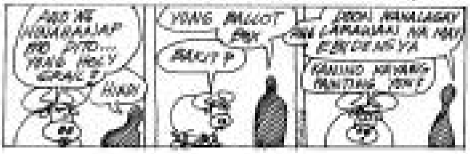
> If you're still keeping that hideous orange-and-green sunflower blouse along with moldy old clogs in hopes of a '90s comeback, it's time to let go



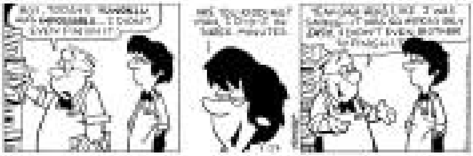
FOXTROT — BY BILL AMEND



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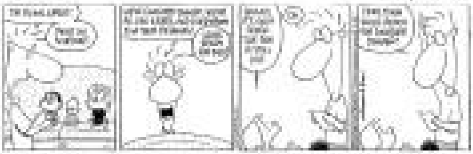
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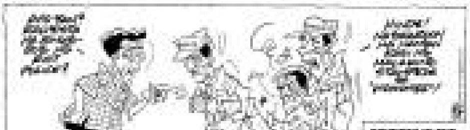
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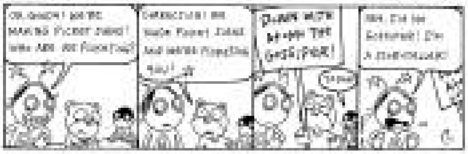
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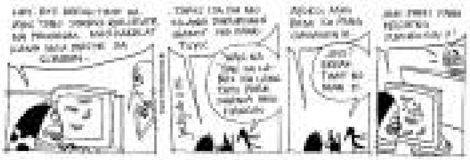

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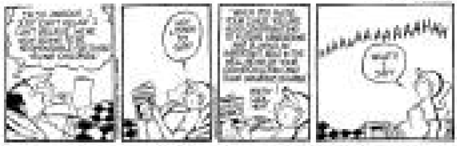


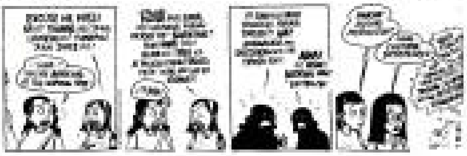
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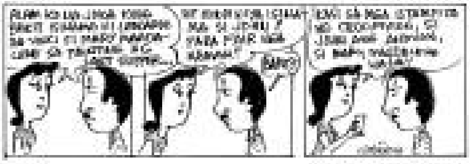


# HOROSCOPE



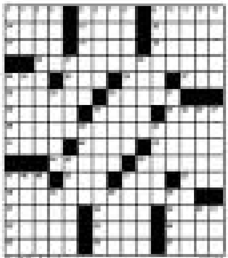


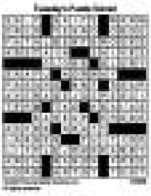






# DAILY CROSSWORD





# Get A Dose of Reality

By Pam Pastor




Documentaries offer a look at the real world—no actors, no scripts, no manipulation

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# Share your secret with the world

The Post Secret blog gives us a peek into the real thoughts of real people





# Win 'American Idol' goodies!



# Lucky 'Idol' fanatic will see season finale live!





TIMELESS Romance living room



[illegible], PSID dean; Dong Ha Jung, VP for consumer electronics; and [illegible], GM for consumer electronics marketing; [illegible]

PSID plus Samsung equals four eye-catching living spaces



[illegible] communications manager; [illegible], brand management head, with PSID students who designed the Timeless Romance living room

# Dare to design

By [illegible]

SAMSUNG HAD A CHALLENGE FOR students of the Philippine School for Interior Design (PSID). They were asked to create four eye-catching spaces—a living room, a den, a kitchen and a bed room—inspired by Samsung's LCD and Slim fit TVs.

The PSID students tackled the mission [illegible], a few weeks ago, their exhibits were unveiled at the Shangri-La Mall.

The exhibit was held at the same time as the [illegible] Mall Tour, where Samsung encouraged consumers to check out its latest television lineup and compare them to offerings of other brands.

Samsung's newest TV products include a unique LCD (liquid crystal display) television that offers a 5,000:1 contrast ratio and a 12.8 billion color display and the only 18 cm deep flat SlimFit TV.

## The living room

[illegible]

## The kitchen

[illegible] created a kitchen called Salt and Pepper. [illegible]

## The bedroom

[illegible]

## The den

[illegible]



SALT and Pepper kitchen

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